23d, Brussels:

I have been here two days, but have not gone out.

Fe"te given by the municipality, that seemed to me badly managed. Five or six times more people than the place could hold.

Oh! what an ugly headdress!

Who fiddled your hair like that ?

No children ? Perhaps it *'s* not your fault. See that you get some!

26th. All the Belgian ladies were presented to my wife to-day. Illuminations are blazing in the *Allee Verte.* Having spent the day in the saddle, I prefer attending to my letters while the ladies have gone off.

The way in which the troops are placed near Boulogne, Etaples, and Ambleteuse is very important, and an essential feature of the operations; for the troops will have to embark and disembark frequently: their embarkation must be very prompt. From the giving of the order to its execution there must be only an hour or two.

August 4th, Namur:

Mortier has just sent me a Latin MS. by Leibnitz addressed to Louis XIV proposing the conquest of Egypt. It is a very curious work.

23d, Saint Cloud:

England will never get other terms from me than those of Amiens; I will face everything, but I will never consent to her holding anything in the Mediterranean. From Malta, Nelson holds all Italy blockaded. By the help of God and a good cause, the war, however unfortunate it may be, will never make the French people bow